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The former Hungarian tractor plant "Hofher and Schrantz" is now called the "Vorce" Caillag" (Red Star) Factory.

1. Officials of the flant:

General Manager: (Chief of the technical section: Chief of Technical section: Chief of production: Secretary of the Communist Party: Fresident of the internal council: Culture and propaganda officer:

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- 2. There are 4,000 workers in this plant, of whom 800 are women. In the fall of 1991, a special section was set up for 600 apprentices. The monthly pay of a skilled worker is around 1,000 Tarints.
- Since January 1952, in addition to the tractors (which represent the main production of the plant), timing railroad cars for transporting dirt and coal have also been constructed according to Soviet specifications. These cars are being built on an assembly-line basis and so far 400 of them have been completed. It is planned to build 800 more by the end of 1952. The section that turns out these cars is called the "Dunger" and the cars themselves bear this name. Tungarian firms get 80 percent of the current production for the construction of highways and railroads; the rest of the cars go to the USER.

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- 4. In the tractor section of the plant, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences has set up an "Institute of Industrial Research", which carries out experiments according to the "Anod!" system (mechanical grinding) which has proven successful. The cylinders of the tractors are ground according to this system; it is element that this will make the engines last longer and also will allow a better utilization of the fuel. The main concern of this institute is to try to find processes which will save materials.
- 5. The plant produces three midels of the Hofher tractors. The maximum monthly cutput of the plant is about 400 tractors, most of which are turned over to the large state agricultural enterprises and to the machine and tractor stations of the kolkhozes. Only 20 percent of the production is turned over to the Russians.
- 6. The plant cannot meet the goal set under the economic plan, as most of the machinery is described. More than 25 percent of the machines are usually idle, to replace.
- 7. The management is emicavoring to reise the morals of the workers which is very low because of the strict discipline. Tardiness of 5 minutes is punished by a fine of 5 forints and if a worker is late 1 hour, he is fined 20 forints. A worker absent for an entire day without good reasons, is fined 50 forints.

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